BISHOP *TAYLOR's Judgment concerning the Power of* Parents *over their* Children *in His* Ductor Dubitantium, *&c.* Edit. IV. 1696.

" SO long as the Son is within the *Civil* Power of his Father, ſo long as he lives in his Houſe, is ſubject to his Command, is nouriſh'd by his Father's Charge, hath no diſtinct Rights of his own, he is in his Father's Poſſeſſion, and to be reckoned by his Meaſures. P. 701.

" In the Law of the Twelve Tables it was written, *Sacra privata perpetua manento*, that *the Private Religion of a Family ſhould not be alter'd:* which CICERO Lib. 2. *de Legibus* expounds to mean, That all thoſe to whom the Care of the Father of the Family did appertain, were tied to the Celebration of the ſame Rites; and the Lawyers ſay, that *Filii ſunt in Sacris Parentum, dum ſunt in eorum poteſtate; Children are within the Holy Rites of their Parents, while they are in their Power.* P. 700.

" The Father's Commands are exacted before the Laws of GOD or PRINCES do require Obedience; becauſe the Government of Children is like the Government of the Sick and the Mad-men, it is a Protection of them from Harm, and an Inſtitution of them to Obedience of GOD and of KINGS; and therefore the Father is to Rule the Underſtanding of his Child, till it be fit to be ruled by the Laws of GOD; that is, the Child muſt Believe and Learn, that he may Chuſe and Obey. *Ibid.*

" The Father hath the Prerogative of EDUCATION. *Ibid.*

" A *Turk*, a *Jew*, a *Heathen* can reckon their Children *in Sacris Parentum*; they have a Power, a natural and proper Power to breed up their Children in what Religion they pleaſe, but not to keep them in it; for then when they can chuſe, they are under no Power of Man, GOD only is the Lord of the Underſtanding. P. 700. P. 701.

" In the Countries of the *Roman Communion*,——if the Father be an Heretick in their Accounts, they teach their Children to diſobey their Parents, and ſuppoſe Hereſie to deſtroy the Father's Right of Power and Government. P. 701.

" Between Chriſtian and Chriſtian there is no difference, as to Matter of Civil Rights, no Law allows that.

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